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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. Five only.

Part B for August 1942

SUBJECT.

Alleged fifth column activities in the State.

(Action to discourage the practice of listening to Axis broadcasts.)

Nmkrishnan
16.8.42

W 173-40-7.

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THE HINDU
SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1942.

PREVENTING AXIS PROPAGANDA

POWER TO CALL IN RADIO SETS

AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO PROVINCIAL GOVTS.

NEW DELHI, May 8.

Primarily to enable Provincial Governments to call in wireless receiving sets in an area immediately threatened with enemy attack, powers have been delegated by the Government of India to Provincial Governments under Rule 16 of the Defence of India Rules by a notification published today.

The object is purely to make it impossible for the enemy to unsettle the population of the area by false or tendentious propaganda or to communicate instructions to fifth columnists. There is no intention of imposing a general ban on listening to enemy broadcasts by private individuals, subject to the terms and conditions of the broadcast receiving licence.

Another Rule, 16-A, also published today, enables the Government to require any one in possession of a receiving set under cover of a commercial broadcast receiver licence to use it to convey broadcast instructions, warnings or announcements to the public. The value of such means of communication with the public in an emergency is obvious, and the Government hope that the holders of such licences will do all they can to co-operate, if necessity arises. These obligations will not be imposed except in times of real emergency.

DISSEMINATION OF ENEMY PROPAGANDA

An amendment to the Rules, also published to-day, makes it an offence to make, print, publish or distribute any document containing, or spread by any other means whatsoever, any matter derived from an enemy source. This is designed to prevent dissemination of false and misleading propaganda emanating from broadcast stations operated or controlled by the enemy or published in leaflets dropped from the air or otherwise distributed by the enemy. The offence is punishable with imprisonment, which may extend to five years or with fine, or with both.—A. P. I.

Submitted for perusal.
Chief Secretary)
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11/5/42

Law Dept
11/5.
(War-Sec^t) Please take action in
accordance with the Home Dept
12/5
14/5

Serial No.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
MAY 30 1942
No. 12242

The amendments have been republished in the Bazar Gazette. The attention of the I.G.P., the D.M's & the Dirs of Ind & Sc may be invited to the amendments & there attention also drawn to the article in the Hindu.

25/5/42

Secy to Govt

Law Secy

30/5/42

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31/5/42

Secy (W) invites a draft. The A.P.P message published in the "Hindu" is only an summary of the amendments to the D.P.P rules.

Secy 31/5

Issued Nos. 3394-3404/W dy 9.6.42 to the I.G.P., the D.Ms of Dts, & the Drs of Ind & Sc.

Dept

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

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Achin to discourage the practice of listening to Axis broadcasts.

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Serial No. 9

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW
JUL 25 1942
No. 884

From The Secy to the Govt of Bengal
F. 125-40/W & 24th Jrs. 42 forwarding a
Copy of Govt of Bengal letter & 10th Jrs. 42
with enclosure for such achin as may be
considered suitable.

Subd for perusal and orders
as to the achin to be taken in the matter.
The Govt want a report of the achin taken
by this Govt in the course. Perhaps the Govt may be requested to issue necessary instructions to the Police to watch such cases and warn the offenders that they are liable to
prosecution under Rule 38 A. The attention of the
Govt of India has already been invited to Rule 38 A

(25/7/42)

7 C.L

The D. I. G. may kindly see
Contd

Home
Land Revenue
27/7

Please put up the Home file in which
this question was discussed, the circular that
was issued when Govt was approached by the Govt of India and the
discussion on a subsequent occasion whether
more drastic achin is necessary.

26-7-42

20 Deptl. office for kindly putting up the file (which is here)

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Home
Land Revenue
27/7

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

Discouraging Christianity to Ahirs' movements.

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File No. of 194

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

File leading to the issue of the Press Note dated 16th March 1942, is put up for kind reference. A copy of the I.G.P.'s letter dated 15-6-42, on the subject referred to is flagged A.

P&P 29/7.

Asstt Secy (Pol) 27/7/42

Dy Secy

Subd with Connected files for orders.

A Press note warning the licensees on the lines of the Police Circular note may perhaps issue

Sd/- 29/7

Calling from the Home Dept. file 27 Jul 42 is also placed below

CHIEF SECRETARY 29 JUL 1942 GOVT OF MADRAS

Law Dept (1) Issue
(2) Please send copies of this Govt order of 14-3-32 to Dept heads & Collectors.

31/7

Issue note & submit to P.O.

31/7

Asstt Secy (Pol) 1/8/42

Dy Secy 4/8/42

Submit draft letter forwarding the Press note to I.G.P. & D. etc.

SG 6/8.

PRESS
Information Dept.
JUL 31 1942
No. 1076

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Action to discourage the practice of listening to Axis Broadcasts.

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Serial No.	
10.	From Home Secy Issues 891-900/W & 6th Aug. 42 to the 15 P & D Ms and Obs stating copies of Press Notes issued re. dissemination of enemy broadcasts. Kind reply is awaited from Home Secy Regg letter & 24th June 42. A Press Note has issued in the connection. For orders whether a copy of the Press Note issued may be sent to the Regs for information Yours 7/8 (28 7/8 Sent) Sd. with thanks for letter to Regs Sd 7/8 Yours 7/8
11	Issued No. PR 1320. dated. 7th Aug 42 to Regs.

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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the *19* .

Date of issue 9.6.42

Signed by Mr. S.K.V. Iyer.

In the enclosed
you are invited to
article in the Hindu dt. 7.6.42 on
under the caption "Preventing
Axis Propaganda"
expressing the opinion
of the Government.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by .....

Examined by .....

Section W

File No. 193-40

Serial No. 8

No. 3394-3404/W.

To The I.G.P. Dos of Dts I
Dep dt.

Sir,

Preventing Axis Propaganda
Power to call in Radio
sets.

I am directed to invite reference to Rule 38A and Rule 16A of the Defence of India Rules which has been republished in Part IV of the Mysore Gazette dated the 28th May 42 regarding the requirement to disseminate specified matter and prohibition of publishing matter derived from enemy sources. The

for 9/6
For Chief Secy to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 3394-3404/W. W 1173-40-8

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore,.. 9th June 1942 *..19*

FROM

Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The District Magistrates of Districts.
& S.P. & Dir of Sec.

SIR,

Preventing Axis Propaganda - Power to call in Radio Sets.

I am directed to invite reference to the new Rule 16A and Rule 38A of the Defence of India Rules which has been republished in Part IV of the Mysore Gazette dated the 28th May 1942 regarding the requirement to disseminate specified matter and prohibition of publishing matter derived from enemy sources.

In this connection, reference is invited to the article in the Hindu dated the 10th May 1942 under the caption "Preventing Axis Propaganda" explaining the object of the amendment.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Per Chief Secretary to Government.

W 1473-40-09

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. F.125-40/W. (Re-c One)

3553/W

FROM

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 24th July *1942.*

CHIEF SECRETARY
24. JUL. 194
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Action to discourage the practice of listening to Axis broadcasts.

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SIR,

I am directed to forward for information and favour of such action as may be considered suitable a copy of express letter from the Government of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting, to all Provincial Governments, etc., No.K.455, dated the 10th July 1942, with enclosure.

2. I am to request that, if there is no objection, this Residency may kindly be informed in due course of the action taken by the Government of Mysore in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

VN

Copy of express letter No.K.455, dated the 10th July 1942, from the Government of India, Department of Information and Broadcasting to Provincial Governments and Administrations.

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There is a certain amount of evidence that some people when tuning in to Axis broadcasts turn their receiving sets at full blast, so that the bulletin can be heard at a considerable distance. Either from thoughtlessness or by intention these people are spreading matter derived from enemy sources and are making themselves liable to prosecution under Rule 38A of the Defence of India Rules. Please consider whether any action can be taken to discourage this practice. A statement showing the more important and popular Axis broadcasts is attached. You will notice that, except for a short period between 19.50 and 20.10 hours, enemy broadcasts do not clash with friendly broadcasts in the same language.

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Time.	Station	Broadcast.	Wavelength in Meters.	COINCIDENCES. A.I.R. with wave lengths	COINCIDENCES. B.B.C. with wave lengths
11.00	Berlin.	News in English	19.5	-	-
17.00	Saigon.	" " "	25.47	-	-
17.30	Berlin.	" " "	19.56	News in Malay 25.45 News in Pushtu 25.36 and 31.3	-
19.30	Tokyo	News in Hindi.	31.46)	Middle of Persian programme - 49.3 & 31.3.	News in Hindustani.
19.30	Berlin.	News in English.	19.63)		
20.00	Vatican.	Prisoners of War) in English)	17.19) 19.84)	From 19.50 to 20.10 programme for troops in Hindustani - wavelengths 49.3 and 31.3	
20.00	Bangkok.	News in Hindustani	25.60)		
20.00	Azad Hind.	News in Tamil.	26.16)		
20.00	Berlin.	News in Hindustani.	19.56)		
20.00	Saigon.	News in Tamil.	25.47)		
20.10	Tokyo	News in Hindustani	31.46	News in Marathi. 49.3 & 31.3.	
20.30	Azad Hind.	" " "	31.46	-	
20.30	Tokyo.	News in English.	31.46	-	
20.45	Saigon.	News in Hindustani (Prisoners of war)	25.47	News in Bengali. 49.3 & 31.3	
21.10	Tokyo	Talk in English.	31.46	News in Hindustani. 338.6; 60.48; 49.3 & 31.3.	
21.30	Tokyo	News in Hindi.	31.46	Relay of B.B.C. news in English.	B.B.C. in English.
23.30	Tokyo	News in English.	31.46		

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VN

Amrita Bazar Patrika 27 July 42

TUNING TO AXIS BROADCASTS

BIHAR GOVT.'S WARNING

PATNA, July 25.

A press note says: "There is a certain amount of evidence which goes to show that some people, when tuning to Axis broadcasts, turn their receiving sets to full blast, so that the bulletin can be heard at a considerable distance. It is an offence for radio owners to disseminate enemy broadcast by permitting visitors to hear them or to tune in at full blast, so as to let passers-by hear them. Either by thoughtlessness or by intention these people doing so are making themselves liable to prosecution under Rule 38 of the Defence of India Rules."—A. P. I.

PRESS NOTE.

~~There is a certain amount of evidence~~ Instances have come to notice of ~~which goes to show~~ that some people, when tuning to Axis broadcasts, turn their receiving sets to full blast, so that the bulletin can be heard ~~at a considerable distance~~ for beyond outside their premises. It is an offence for radio owners to disseminate enemy broadcast by permitting visitors to hear them or to tune in at full blast, so as to let passers-by hear them. Either by thoughtlessness or by intention, ~~these~~ people doing so are making themselves liable to prosecution under Rule 38 of the Defence of India Rules.

~~No public one~~ Not. Owners of receiving sets are advised to avoid ~~are warned against~~ such practices

Publicity Officer to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 891-900/W. / Emcy. W 1773-40-10.

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated Bangalore,.....6th August.....*19* 42

FROM Chief *The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

To

The District Magistrates of Districts.

SIR,

DISSEMINATION OF ENEMY BROADCASTS.

I am directed to forward for your information two copies each of the Press Note dated the 14th March and 1st August, 1942, issued by the Publicity Officer to Government on the above subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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Office of the Publicity Officer
to the Government of Mysore,
Public Offices,
Bangalore, Dated 1st August 1942.

PRESS NOTE.

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Owners of receiving sets are advised to avoid such practice.

M. S. Shamanna,

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M. S. SWAMINATHAN,

Publicity Officer
to Government.

With the compliments of the Publicity Officer to Government of Mysore:-

Bangalore, 14th March 1942.

PRESS NOTE.

DISSEMINATION OF ENEMY BROADCASTS.

Offence under Wireless Telegraphy Rules and Defence of India Rules.

A Government of India Press Note dated the 1st June 1940 warning the public against dissemination of broadcasts from enemy countries was republished in the Mysore Gazette of the 11th July 1940 for general information.

It appears desirable to draw the attention of the public once again to the fact that giving publicity of enemy broadcasts is an offence entailing both cancellation of the license and prosecution.

In the first place, it must be understood that private licensees hold their licenses on condition that the receiving set is used for private purposes and that they commit an offence if they give publicity to messages received from any source. Condition 12 printed on the Broadcast Receiver Licenses says that the licensee or any person either on behalf or by permission of the licensee or with the cognizance of the licensee shall not reproduce or publish in the Press or disseminate by other similar means, messages sent for general reception by any station and received by means of the Stations.

Licensees listening to enemy broadcasts and giving publicity to enemy broadcasts in any manner, render their licenses liable to cancellation. They may also be prosecuted under the Wireless Telegraphy Rules and under the Defence of India Rules.

Rule 38(1) (c) of these rules lays down that no person shall, without lawful authority or excuse publish by any means whatsoever any prejudicial report. A "prejudicial report" is defined in Rule 34 (7) which should be read with Rule 34(6), particularly with sub Clause (g). Communication of news received from enemy broadcasts come under the definition of prejudicial reports.

Holders of commercial broadcast licenses are warned that their licenses will be cancelled if their sets are tuned to receive enemy broadcasts.

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W 193-40-11.

7th August 1942.

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